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1. [REDACTED] HAS ASKED ME TO KEEP A CLOSE, CONTINUING EYE
ON THE EVOLVING MILITARY SITUATION IN LAOS AND TO MONITOR
NOT ONLY ENEMY MOVES, CAPABILITIES AND INTENTIONS BUT ALSO
THE PERFORMANCE OF AND SUPPORT GIVEN TO FRIENDLY FORCES.

2. IN THIS CONTEXT, I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CANDID,
COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT OF CURRENT SUPPORT LEVELS WITH
PARTICULAR RESPECT TO U.S.-PROVIDED ITEMS SUCH AS AIR SUPPORT.
WE ALL RECOGNIZE THAT IN THIS REAL WORLD, NO ONE EVER GETS
EVERYTHING HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE. HENCE I AM NOT ASKING FOR
INVENTORY OF IDEAL REQUIREMENTS. I WOULD WELCOME YOUR VIEWS
ON THE ADEQUACY OF PRESENT SUPPORT TO FRIENDLY RLG FORCES.
FOR EXAMPLE, DO YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS WITH THE MIX, TYPE
AND SORTIE LEVEL OF AIR SUPPORT.

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3. WHAT WE MOST WANT FLAGGED ARE CLEAR SHORTFALLS

IN MINIMAL SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS OR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
INCREASES WHERE THESE WOULD STAND A REASONABLE CHANCE
OF MATERIALLY IMPROVING THE PERFORMANCE OR EFFECTIVENESS
OF FRIENDLY FORCES OR MATERIALLY INHIBITING THE ENEMY.

WE ALSO NEED TO KNOW IF THERE ARE MAJOR SUPPORT TYPES OR
ITEMS NOT NOW DEPLOYED (E.G. GUNSHIPS, COBRAS, AC-47S, AC-119S,
AC-130S) WHICH COULD MAKE A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE.

4. WE ALSO RECOGNIZE YOUR CONTINUING NEED FOR AIRBORNE
COMINT SUPPORT. THE TWO C-130S NOW WORKING OUT OF UDORN
SHOULD BE CONSIDERABLE HELP, BUT LET US KNOW IF MAJOR REQUIRE-
MENTS ARE STILL NOT BEING SERVICED. WE ARE WORKING WITH THE
TOP LEVELS OF THE DOD HERE TO FEND OFF SOUTH LAOS DIVERSION
OF THESE C-130S AND TO POSTPONE THE 30 DAY CLAUSE IN THEIR
ASSIGNMENT.

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5. I WOULD APPRECIATE AN INITIAL REPLY TO THIS MESSAGE
THAT GIVES ME A BASELINE TO WORK FROM PLUS PERIODIC FOLLOW
UPS AS CONDITIONS OR CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES DICTATE.

END OF MESSAGE

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